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British Medical Association.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.

Wednesday, October 21st, 1925.

A MEETING of the Council of the Association was held on October 21st. The meeting was the first to take place in the Council Chamber at the new House in Tavistock Square, also the first to be called to order by the handsome gavel recently presented by the Tasmanian Branch. Dr. R. A. BOLAM was in the chair, and the following members were present:

Dr. H. B. Brackenbury (Chairman of Representative Body), Mr. N. Bishop Harman (Treasurer), Mr. J. Basil Hall (Past-President), Mr. R. G. Hogarth (President-Elect), Dr. C. O. Hawthorne (Deputy Chairman of Representative Body), Dr. G. A. Allan, Dr. J. Barcroft Anderson, Dr. T. Ridley Bailey, Surgeon Rear-Admiral Sir Percy Bassett-Smith, Dr. H. S. Beadles, Dr. J. W. Bone, Dr. H. C. Bristowe, Dr. G. F. Buchan, Dr. H. G. Dain, Dr. J. S. Darling, Dr. C. E. Douglas, Mr. T. P. Dunhill, Mr. W. McAdam Eccles, Dr. D. Ewart, Dr. D. E. Finlay, Dr. C. E. S. Flemming, Dr. T. W. H. Garstang, Dr. F. J. Gomez, Dr. F. W. Goodbody, Dr. J. Giusani, Lieut.-Colonel C. B. Heald, Dr. R. Wallace Henry, Dr. G. B. Hillman, Dr. J. Hudson, Dr. I. W. Johnson, Dr. R. Langdon-Down, Dr. David Lawson, Dr. R. W. Leslie, Dr. E. K. Le Fleming, Sir Richard Luce, M.P., Dr. A. Lyndon, Dr. R. A. Lyster, Dr. J. G. McCutcheon, Dr. J. A. Macdonald, Dr. S. Morton Mackenzie, Major-General Sir William Macpherson, Dr. A. Manknell, Dr. J. C. Matthews, Dr. G. W. Miller, Dr. Hugh Miller, Dr. Christine Murrell, Mr. A. W. Nuthall, Lieut.-Colonel F. O'Kinealy, Dr. William Paterson, Dr. R. C. Peacocke, Dr. F. Radcliffe, Lieut.-Colonel J. W. F. Rait, Dr. Lockhart Stephens, Dr. John Stevens, Dr. W. E. Thomas, Dr. G. Clark Trotter, Mr. E. B. Turner, Dr. J. F. Walker.

Apologies for absence were read from the President (Dr. Thomson), Dr. John Mills, Dr. D. Walshe, and Sir Jenner Verrall.

Preliminary and Personal.

The death of Dr. G. K. Smiley, who was a member of Council in 1919-20, was reported, and Sir Richard Luce paid a tribute to the memory of an old friend and colleague, through whose influence he himself was persuaded to take up work in the British Medical Association. He recalled the heroic way in which Dr. Smiley had borne the afflictions which fell upon him.

It was agreed that Dr. Oswald Marriott should be asked to fill the vacancy on the Council in respect of the Hong-Kong and China and Malaya group of Branches.

The Chairman was authorized to send to all who had contributed to the success of the Bath meeting the cordial thanks of the Association. He said that the Bath meeting would be one of the most memorable in the series of Annual Meetings for the vast amount of local effort which the occasion evoked. He could not recall an Annual Meeting in which the local colleagues had in such a marked degree spent themselves in ensuring success. (Applause.)

The Council unanimously decided to recommend to the Representative Body that the retiring President, Mr. J. Basil Hall, should be elected a Vice-President of the Association as a recognition of his services as President. The Chairman said that Mr. Basil Hall had had a busier year than had fallen to the lot of most recent Presidents, but he had fulfilled his duties in a most excellent manner, and had rendered sterling service to the Association.

It was resolved to place on record, and to transmit to His Grace, the thanks of the Council to the Archbishop of Canterbury for his services in dedicating and opening the Gates of Honour on July 13th.

The Treasurer, in submitting a financial statement which was largely concerned with the expenditure incident to the removal to the new premises and the ceremonial opening, said that the burden of the arrangements had fallen heavily upon the department of the Financial Secretary and Business Manager, and to Mr. Ferris-Scott himself as chief of the staff, and to his lieutenant, Mr. Griffiths, in particular, some recognition was due for most ungrudging labours. (Applause.)

Badge of Office for the Chairman.

The Medical Secretary read a letter addressed to the Chairman from certain members of the Association who desired to remain anonymous, saying that it had appeared to them for

some time to be desirable that the chief executive officer of the Association should be identifiable by a badge of office. At the Bath meeting one of the writers of the letter saw the beautiful jewel prepared by Mr. Allan G. Wyon for the Chairman of the Representative Body, and after consultation the members asked Mr. Wyon to undertake the design and preparation of a badge of office for the Chairman of Council. The arrangements were left in the hands of the Financial Secretary and Mr. Wyon, and the writers hoped that the Chairman would wear the jewel for a long time to come, and that when he handed it to his successor it would be to the one who would then wear it a constant reminder of the high example set by Dr. Bolam during his tenure of office.

Mr. Wyon, on behalf of the members, then invested the Chairman with the badge, a beautiful piece of gold work, of which a photograph was reproduced in last week's SUPPLEMENT at page 144.

The Chairman said that this was quite an irregular and undisciplined proceeding, but he would be very glad to wear the badge during the short time which remained of his term of office. It was only one more proof of the extraordinary kindness which had pursued him ever since he was elected to the chairmanship, and he hoped that succeeding Chairmen of Council would have as happy a time in wearing it as he had had during the last five years. The badge was, of course, a decoration for the Chairman in perpetuity, but that his own term of office should have been signalized by its bestowal filled him with gratitude. (Applause.)

The Committee Work of the Association.

A resolution from the Brighton Division was considered, asking the Council to arrange, when considered advisable, for the publication in the SUPPLEMENT of the fullest possible reports of meetings of the standing and other committees, on the ground that members of the Association had at present little or no opportunity of judging for themselves of the very great amount of detailed work done by those committees. Dr. J. A. Macdonald pointed out that the substance of the proceedings of the committees was embodied in the reports of the meetings of Council and in the Annual and Supplementary Reports, while matters in the committee stage often formed the subject of a Current Note. There was great pressure on the space of the JOURNAL, and additional reports of this kind could only be published at the sacrifice of other and perhaps more important matter. Dr. Langdon-Down pointed out that the chief value of committee work lay in the fact that it was done without publicity, and therefore on that general ground he would deprecate the proposal. The matters under discussion in the Central Ethical Committee were certainly not of a kind which could be freely published. Dr. Bone moved that, in the opinion of the Council, the present method of reporting the work done by the various committees is satisfactory, and this was agreed to.

Advertisements of Conditional Appointments.

Dr. J. A. Macdonald, Chairman of the Journal Committee, brought forward the question of advertisements by public authorities for medical officers in which the statement appears that the successful candidate shall become a member of a trade union, or society, or association, certain public bodies having recently made requirements of this nature. After full debate the Council passed resolutions for the guidance of the Journal Committee.

On a later matter, on the report of the Medico-Political Committee, it was resolved to bring before the Representative Body the strong objection to the practice adopted by some public bodies of asking medical practitioners to tender for appointments, with a recommendation that advertisements for such appointments be not published in the JOURNAL.

Question of a Membership Card.

Dr. Morton Mackenzie brought forward a proposal from the Organization Committee that members of the Association should be furnished with a membership card. This would tend to prevent unfair advantage being taken by non-members of the facilities at headquarters, and it would afford to members attending meetings in Divisions other than their own or going overseas some document which they could produce as *prima facie* evidence of their membership. Dr. Wallace Henry and Dr. Beadles supported the proposition, but the Treasurer pointed out that the preparation and dispatch of such cards would require the employment of another clerk, and in view of the heavy financial commitments of the Association at the present time the Finance Committee could not agree to the expenditure involved. Other members pointed out that it would be more effective to get those who called at headquarters to sign an attendance book.

The proposal for a membership card was not adopted.

Dr. Mackenzie reported that the membership of the Association was still increasing. It was 2,000 above the corresponding figure for last year, and was now well over 30,000.

Medical Secretary's Tour in South Africa.

Dr. Mackenzie then introduced the question of the organization of the profession in South Africa. A memorandum by the Medical Secretary was circulated giving an account of the conversations which had recently taken place. Dr. Mackenzie said that the Association at headquarters was anxious to do all it could to help the profession in South Africa. Their view was that the secret of the solution of the South African medical question lay in the better organization of the South African Medical Committee and in the appointment of a Medical Secretary for South Africa. The South African Committee had suggested that Dr. Cox should go out to South Africa on an organizing tour. Dr. Orenstein, vice-president of the South African Committee, who was visiting this country, said from the first that Dr. Cox ought to go out to South Africa. The Chairman of Council and the speaker, together with Dr. Cox, while at Bath had an interview with Dr. Orenstein, Dr. Napier, who was a protagonist of the movement for the South African Medical Association, and Dr. Meyer, who was a delegate to the Annual Meeting. Dr. Napier asked whether the British Medical Association would grant immediate affiliation to the South African Medical Association irrespective of any question of amalgamation of the British Medical Association in South Africa with that body. He was informed that the answer must be in the negative. At that meeting Dr. Orenstein again strongly pressed his desire that the Medical Secretary should go to South Africa, and the other two South African gentlemen agreed that such a visit would do good. A little later a cable was received from the President of the South African Committee (Dr. Campbell Watt) saying that the Committee unanimously invited Dr. Cox to pay the visit, and that it did not require this year the £1,000 which had been promised towards the salary of the South African Medical Secretary; it had not, in fact, been possible to find the right man. The Organization Committee thought that a good case could be made out for sending the Medical Secretary. It would mean that he would be in South Africa for four months or a little more, and would undertake a proper organizing tour right through the country. The Committee believed that the visit would not only result in a better organization of the South African Branches, but would probably bring to a fruitful and satisfactory issue the prolonged negotiations with regard to the organization of the profession, would enhance the position of the South African Committee, and strengthen the ties uniting the members of the Association in South Africa with those in the home country. He moved that the Council accede to the South African Committee's invitation that the Medical Secretary should visit South Africa on an organizing tour.

Dr. Paterson, on behalf of the Dominions Committee, cordially supported the recommendation. The Treasurer said that the Finance Committee took no exception to this proposition. It would cost about £800 to send Dr. Cox to South Africa, but part of Dr. Cox's ordinary duties was to visit the Divisions at home, and this was only an extension of his tour. Dr. Langdon-Down remarked that if an absence of Dr. Cox for six months from the work of the office could be arranged without detriment, there must be somebody at the office to whom they were very much indebted. Dr. Macdonald, as one who had visited South Africa, supported the proposal whole-heartedly. Dr. Mackenzie said that Dr. Cox's absence

would involve a strain upon the head office, but the work could be managed by curtailing certain activities and making some adjustments. He hoped that South Africa would accept this as a gesture of entire friendliness.

The resolution was carried unanimously, and Dr. Barcroft Anderson, on behalf of South Africa, offered the Council the sincerest thanks for what it had done. A resolution was also carried instructing the Medical Secretary to convey to the South African Committee the Council's best wishes for the success of the Committee's efforts to promote the solidarity of the profession in South Africa.

The Chairman said that it was well appreciated that this meant a sacrifice on all sides, but he had the greatest hope for the success of the mission, and tendered the best wishes of the Council to Dr. Cox.

The Medical Secretary thanked the Council, and said that he knew his colleagues in the office would rise to the occasion, but he asked for the forbearance of the Council if some things were not done quite so thoroughly as usual and some things even omitted. He would certainly convey the Council's good wishes to the South African Committee for the success of the mission in which they as well as himself would be involved during the next five or six months.

Other Oversea Matters.

Dr. Mackenzie said that the arrangement which had been made with the Canadian Medical Association seemed to be bearing excellent fruit. He moved that following on the adoption of the Articles of Association as regards affiliation, the Council give notice to dissolve the following Branches of the Association in Canada: Halifax (Nova Scotia), Montreal, St. John (New Brunswick), Saskatchewan, and Toronto. This was agreed to.

A report from Mr. H. W. Carson, F.R.C.S., who went as an official delegate to the meeting of the Canadian Medical Association in June, was laid before the members. Mr. Carson reported that the Canadian Congress was attended by some 500 members, and many valuable papers were read and interesting discussions followed. He found everywhere a very friendly feeling towards the British Medical Association on the part of the members of the affiliated body in Canada, and he thought that this was in great part due to the impression left by Sir Jenner Verrall and Dr. Cox and by Mr. Basil Hall during their recent visits.

A letter of thanks was directed to be sent to Mr. Carson for acting in this capacity.

A formal invitation was received from the executive committee of the Australasian Medical Congress, to be held at Dunedin, New Zealand, in February, 1927, asking the Council to send an official representative of the Association. Dr. Ewart, representing New Zealand on the Council, supported the invitation. He said that a hearty welcome awaited any such visitor, and added that the profession in New Zealand was well informed and up to date, and an interesting scientific programme would be carried through. The President of the Congress, Mr. L. E. Barnett, C.M.G., F.R.C.S., was a former teacher of his, and he knew that with him in the chair a successful Congress was assured.

It was resolved that a letter of thanks for the invitation be sent, and that the appointment of a representative be deferred until the next meeting of Council.

Practice of Psycho-analysis by Medical Men.

Following upon the resolution of the Annual Representative Meeting referring to the Council a motion that it should consider certain practices alleged to be prevalent among some medical men practising psycho-analysis,[1] Dr. Langdon-Down brought forward a report of the Central Ethical Committee on the subject. It had, he said, received the very careful consideration of the Committee, which had had the advantage of the presence of Dr. L. A. Parry, who introduced the subject at the Representative Meeting. Dr. Parry had stated to the Committee that neither he nor the Sussex Branch wished the Council to undertake the investigation of complaints against individuals, and, with regard to the other way in which the Council might approach the matter—that of a general pronouncement—it was not desired that any general condemnation of psycho-analysis should be issued; it was only certain aspects of the matter which were challengeable. On being asked to define what it was that was objected to, Dr. Parry replied that it was the practice of habitually and unnecessarily emphasizing the sexual aspects of psycho-analysis. The Committee felt that the word "unnecessarily" constituted a great difficulty. It was always one of the debatable questions of medicine what was and what was not necessary. Dr. Parry had furnished particulars of three or four cases, but in one of them only was the information first-hand. An endless discussion on the whole question of psychology and human instincts might be opened up. It should be remembered that persons aggrieved had their proper legal remedy. On the statements submitted, certain of the practices appeared to be criminal; with regard to others it was a debatable question whether what was alleged to have happened constituted an offence, and in one case the complaints made by the patient were in such a form that it was hardly credible that what was alleged to have occurred could really have taken place. It would be unnecessary for the Council to say that it regarded actions which were of a criminal nature as being objectionable. Like other professional organizations, the Association would desire to encourage among its members an undeviating regard for the discretion and delicacy which ought always to mark professional conduct. Any departure from this position would undoubtedly merit and receive severe condemnation by the general verdict of the profession. But to proclaim this doctrine by a public announcement might well be held to imply that some general or urgent necessity for such an announcement had arisen, and would thus appear to support a conclusion which his Committee was not prepared to accept. He moved that the Council take no further action with respect to the resolution.

This was agreed to without discussion.

Puerperal Morbidity and Mortality.

Dr. J. W. Bone (the vice-chairman) brought forward a report from the Committee on Causation of Puerperal Morbidity and Mortality. The report was of an entirely preliminary character. The Committee, of which Sir Ewen Maclean had been appointed chairman, hoped to present an interim report at the next meeting of Council. Dr. Bone stated that the Committee was in touch with the Medical Research Council with a view to ascertaining what assistance that Council would be prepared to give in the conduct of certain researches cognate to its subject.

The Council appointed Mr. E. B. Turner a member of the Committee, and gave the Committee power to co-opt an additional member, probably on the nomination of the Medical Research Council.

Factory Medical Service.

Dr. Bone, chairman of the Medico-Political Committee, reporting with regard to the resolutions of the Representative Meeting on the factory medical service, said that his Committee recommended that a joint meeting with the Public Health Committee be called to consider the question, that the Association of Certifying Factory Surgeons be asked to appoint representatives to attend, and that the question at issue be extended to embrace the advisability of the factory medical service being made an exception to the policy of the Association that all health services should be under the administration of the Ministry of Health. Sir Richard Luce said that in the present form of the Factories Bill there was no proposal to alter the medical arrangements at all, and it was important if any steps were to be taken before this bill went through that it should be definitely known what the Association wished. The recommendation was agreed to.

Consultations at Reduced Rates.

Dr. Bone also reported that the Association of Assistant Masters in Secondary Schools had applied for information and advice with regard to making arrangements for obtaining the services of consultants for members of that body at reduced rates. The Committee did not consider that such schemes were necessary, as persons deserving of special consideration

[1] SUPPLEMENT, July 25th, 1925, pp. 24-26.

as regards fees could always get it on the recommendation of their family doctor. He moved that general arrangements with consultants for their acceptance of reduced fees for services rendered to organized groups of persons were unnecessary and undesirable.

Dr. Wallace Henry pointed out that the resolution as it stood was opposed to the policy adopted by the Council in the matter of ophthalmic benefit for insured persons; and, after a short discussion, it was decided that the resolution should be redrafted by the Committee and brought forward at the next meeting.

Tests for Drunkenness.

Arising out of the recent correspondence in the JOURNAL, Dr. Bone proposed that the Association should set up a special committee, composed of neurologists, psycho-therapeutists, and persons with special knowledge of the subject, to consider and report on the present tests for "drunkenness." A Home Office committee was now sitting, and, he was informed, would be glad to co-operate in any investigations. Dr. Mackenzie supported the recommendation. In view of the difficult cases with which the medical man was constantly confronted, he thought that every effort ought to be made to get a definite ruling on the point.

The appointment of the committee was agreed to, and it was also agreed that police surgeons should be asked to nominate representatives to serve.

Ophthalmic Benefit.

On the report of the Insurance Acts Committee, moved by Dr. Dain, Dr. Brackenbury drew attention to a paragraph relating to ophthalmic benefit, which stated that some 572 practitioners had now expressed their willingness to serve under the scheme. He said that it was desirable that the Council and the whole Association should know one or two things about this ophthalmic benefit, its limitations, and the way in which certain of the approved societies were acting. Many members of the Council must have been under the impression that the arrangement entered into with regard to ophthalmic surgeons for insured persons would be operative over the whole field of national health insurance, but certain of the largest approved societies were not in the arrangement at all; they had not had time to be in it yet. The great majority of insured persons, therefore, did not come under this arrangement. The collective arrangement which had been made applied only to a relatively small minority. The point which deserved attention was what happened to a member of a society outside this arrangement. The societies had made arrangements with the opticians, and if the optician gave the member a certificate that in his opinion it was desirable that an ophthalmic surgeon should be consulted the society would honour that certificate from the optician; but if an insurance practitioner gave a similar certificate that in his opinion it was desirable that the patient should see an ophthalmic surgeon, the approved society—the Prudential—took no notice whatever of the certificate. That was a state of affairs which ought not to be tolerated. The Ministry of Health, however much it might disapprove, had no power to bring the societies into a better way except by persuasion. The fact remained that the certificate of a registered medical practitioner that the opinion of an ophthalmic surgeon was desirable was ignored and repudiated by the Prudential approved society, whereas a similar certificate given by an optician was honoured.

Dr. Dain and other members agreed that the position was unsatisfactory. Dr. Dain also spoke of certain anomalies in the list of specialists, which would be got over by consulting local committees. Up to now it had been purely an office matter. Dr. Wallace Henry said that on the Ophthalmic Committee there were representatives from all parts of the country. The first list was crude, but it had now been possible to make it more complete and inclusive.

Minimum Salaries in Scotland.

Dr. Hugh Miller, Chairman of the Scottish Committee, reported that at a conference with representatives of local authorities arranged by the Board of Health the following modifications of the Association's scale of minimum salaries for public health medical officers in its application to Scotland were suggested: (1) a lower salary than £800 for medical officers in areas with a population of less than 25,000; (2) differentiation in the scale for officers of the school medical service; (3) a graded scale for officers employed in departments. The Committee had agreed to continue consideration of the first of these modifications, pending further information, did not agree to the second, and, with regard to the third, recommended that it be authorized to continue negotiations for the adoption of an agreed scale of minimum salaries, providing for a graded salary for officers employed in departments, commencing at less than £600 and increasing by regular increments to a figure higher than £600. He said that the number of special areas in Scotland to which a concession might reasonably be given was not more than half a dozen. It was thought that a joint committee might be set up to deal with these special cases as they came forward. With regard to the graded scale, the whole standard of professional remuneration was not so high as it might be, but he thought the arrangement proposed might assist matters.

Dr. Buchan said he quite realized that special areas required special consideration, but that ought not to be a matter of general resolution, and if a graded salary were permitted it ought to be from £500 up to £700 to be equivalent to anything near the £600 minimum. Dr. Brackenbury said he would rather stick to the £600 and be beaten in the majority of cases than waive it in the manner proposed. The poverty of Scotland did not appear to be a reason for departing from the minimum; but a reason which would appeal was that the local government units in Scotland were smaller, and it was not to be expected that these small units should pay the salaries which the relatively larger units of England and Wales paid. Dr. Allan also pointed out as another factor to be considered that the proportion of medical graduates was very much greater in Scotland than in England, and there was a considerable surplus of unemployed practitioners.

It was agreed to ask the Committee to give further consideration to the whole matter.

Arrangements for Next Annual Meeting.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Arrangements Committee, submitted the arrangements for Sections and a time-table for next Annual Meeting, to be held at Nottingham in July. With regard to the Section of Anaesthetics a suggestion had been received from the Society of Anaesthetists in the United States and Canada that it might be possible to combine its own annual meeting with the meeting of the Section at Nottingham, and thus give the meeting an international character.

The Council endorsed the Committee's view that this would be a welcome arrangement, and agreed that officers for the Section should be appointed with this in mind.

The Chairman reported that a valuable memorandum on the arrangements for Annual Meetings, based on the experience at Bath, had been received from Mr. W. G. Mumford, Local Honorary Secretary and Acting President of the Bath Meeting.

The New Headquarters.

On the report of the Office Committee, various internal arrangements in the new House were discussed, including garage facilities for members and others, the use of rooms for meetings of other bodies, and the contributions to be made by Branches and Divisions of the Association towards the expenses of meetings held in the House.

The Council agreed that in order to provide increased library accommodation the Hastings Hall should be fitted with oak bookcases; this would also have the advantage of improving the acoustic properties of the hall, which at present are inferior to those of the Council Chamber, owing to the panelling and seats in the latter.

Dr. Hawthorne said that the Library Subcommittee welcomed any proposal for the provision of increased library accommodation, but urged upon the Council the need for better accommodation for certain valuable folios and other works.

Other Committee Reports.

Sir Richard Luce reported that the Naval and Military Committee was in communication with the War Office as to the pensions of majors of the R.A.M.C. of twenty years' service, and was also moving in the matter of the pay of captains in the Territorial Army. Dr. Ridley Bailey, for the Public Health Committee, reported on the action taken in connexion with a number of public health appointments. Mr. McAdam Eccles, for the Hospitals Committee, brought forward as recommendations to the Representative Body two paragraphs for adoption as the hospital policy of the Association which were approved by the last Representative Meeting but in connexion with which the requisite two months' notice had not been given. He also stated that correspondence was proceeding with the Hospital Saving Association with regard to a suggestion, already endorsed by the Council, that every patient who was a member of that body and sought treatment should carry with him a recommendation from his medical practitioner. Dr. Paterson, chairman of the Dominions Committee, said that the Committee had no recommendations to bring forward, but certain matters were in their early stages. Protests had been received from the Kenya and Zanzibar Branches against the new regulations for the East African Medical Service, and the Colonial Office was being acquainted by the Committee with the prevailing dissatisfaction, and was being asked for further information. He hoped that the Committee would be prepared to make certain recommendations at the next meeting. There was great trouble also in the Malayan Medical Service, where the salaries were inadequate, and the administration in a state of chaos. The Committee was given to understand that the Windward Islands Medical Service had been somewhat improved of late, and inquiries were being pursued in the Branch there to find out whether there was sufficient justification for the withdrawal of the "Important Notice."

The Council nominated Dr. Ridley Bailey and Dr. A. Manknell as representatives of the Association upon the council of the Society of Medical Officers of Health, and concluded its business at 6.15 p.m., in time for the Autumn Dinner, of which a report appeared in last week's SUPPLEMENT.

Association Notices.

AFFILIATION OF CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION WITH BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Dissolution of Canadian Branches.

NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the British Medical Association to all concerned of the following resolution passed by the Council on October 21st, 1925:

> That, following on the adoption by the Annual Representative Meeting, 1925, and Extraordinary General Meetings of the Association, of Articles of Association as regards affiliation, and the terms of the affiliation of the Canadian Medical Association with the British Medical Association, the Council, in pursuance of the power conferred upon it by Article 15, do forthwith give notice to dissolve the following Branches of the British Medical Association in Canada: Halifax, Nova Scotia; Montreal; St. John, New Brunswick; Saskatchewan; Toronto.

Written notice of the intended dissolution of the Branches of the British Medical Association in Canada is also being given to those Branches, which will be deemed by the Council to be dissolved as from June 1st, 1926.

By order of the Council.

ALFRED COX,
Medical Secretary.

October 28th, 1925.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: NUNEATON AND TAMWORTH DIVISION.—A meeting of the Nuneaton and Tamworth Division will be held at the Nuneaton General Hospital on Wednesday, November 18th, when Mr. H. Beckwith Whitehouse, M.S., F.R.C.S., will give an address entitled "Notes from an ante-natal clinic."

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.—A clinical meeting for members of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch will take place in the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Yorkhill, Glasgow, on November 18th, at 3 p.m., when surgical and medical cases will be demonstrated by members of the hospital staff. The annual dinner of the Branch will be held on the same evening at 6.30 for 7 p.m., in Ferguson and Forrester's Restaurant, 36, Buchanan Street, Glasgow.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH.—The opening meeting of the new session of the Gloucestershire Branch will be held on Thursday, November 12th, at the Royal Infirmary, Gloucester, at 6.15 p.m. Presidential address: Chronic pelvic pain in women. There will be supper at the Spread Eagle Hotel after the meeting (price 5s. each, exclusive of wine). Members intending to be present at the supper are asked to notify the honorary secretary.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.—A scientific meeting of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch will be held at the Bolton Infirmary, Chorley New Road, Bolton, on Thursday, November 12th, at 3.30 p.m. Agenda:—Dr. F. R. Mallett (Bolton): Introductory remarks; Dr. T. H. Oliver (Manchester): Insulin in private practice; Dr. C. W. Paget Moffatt (Bolton): Ante-natal treatment from the public health point of view; Dr. R. D. Mothersole (Bolton): Septic ulcers. Exhibition of cases and specimens. Tea will be given by the Bolton Division, and in order that the necessary arrangements may be made members proposing to be present are asked to notify Dr. R. Cranna, 584, Blackburn Road, Bolton, as early as possible.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: HYDE DIVISION.—A supper dansant will be held in Hyde Town Hall on Friday, November 13th, at 8.30 p.m. Tickets, price 15s. each, may be had from the honorary secretaries. Members should apply early for their tickets as the number is limited.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: MID-CHESHIRE DIVISION.—A meeting of the Mid-Cheshire Division will be held in the Board Room of the Altrincham General Hospital on Thursday, November 12th, at 8.30 p.m. prompt. After the business meeting a British Medical Association Lecture will be given by Professor Edward Mellanby of Sheffield University on diet and disease. The lecture will be illustrated by lantern slides. Members of other Divisions and non-members in the area will be heartily welcome.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ROCHDALE DIVISION.—The third meeting of the session of the Rochdale Division will be held in the Champness Hall, Drake Street, at 8.30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 11th. Dr. G. J. Langley (Manchester) will deliver the third of a series of lectures on recent advances in cardiology.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—In conjunction with the Aesculapian Society there will be a clinical afternoon at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, on Friday, November 13th, at 4.15 p.m., when Mr. R. A. Ramsey, F.R.C.S., surgeon to the hospital, will show cases with notes. Tea at 4. Members are invited to show cases at any meeting.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ST. PANCRAS DIVISION.—The next meeting of the St. Pancras Division will be held at the British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1, at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10th, when Dr. Robert A. Young, C.B.E., F.R.C.P., physician to the Brompton Chest Hospital, will deliver a lecture on the early recognition of pulmonary tuberculosis.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WILLESDEN DIVISION.—The clinical meeting arranged for November 19th at the Isolation Hospital has been postponed owing to the death of Dr. Stewart. The second annual dinner of the Division will be held at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, on Sunday, November 15th, when Lieut.-Colonel Kirkpatrick, I.M.S.(ret.), will preside. Reception at 7 p.m.; dinner 7.30. Principal guests: Dr. H. B. Brackenbury and Mr. G. J. Furness, chairman Willesden General Hospital. Any member of the Association will be welcomed and may bring a friend. Tickets, 10s. each (exclusive of wine), may be had from Dr. W. Lock, 45, Church Road, N.W.10.

MIDLAND BRANCH: CHESTERFIELD DIVISION.—A meeting of the Chesterfield Division will be held at the Maternity Hospital, Chesterfield, on Friday, November 13th, at 8.15 p.m., when a discussion on small-pox will be opened by Dr. Garrow. Tea and coffee will be served at 8.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: SUNDERLAND DIVISION.—The annual address will be given by Dr. H. Crichton Miller on Thursday, November 12th. The annual dinner will be held the same evening at 7.30 at the Palatine Hotel, Sunderland.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: SWANSEA DIVISION.—A meeting of the Swansea Division will be held at the General Hospital, Swansea, on Thursday, November 12th, at 8.15 p.m., when Dr. White will speak on some general aspects of gland therapy.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: PORTSMOUTH AND ISLE OF WIGHT DIVISIONS.—A joint meeting of the Portsmouth and Isle of Wight Divisions will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Southsea, on Wednesday, November 11th, at 3 p.m. Dr. G. C. Anderson, Deputy Medical Secretary, will give an address on the British Medical Association's Hospital Policy. As the subject is of great importance to medical practitioners the Branch Council hopes that all members will endeavour to attend. Non-members will be heartily welcomed.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH: SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DIVISION.—Sir Robert Jones has kindly consented to show some cases to the members of the South Staffordshire Division on Sunday, November 8th, at 2.30 p.m., at the Shropshire Orthopaedic Hospital, Gobowen, near Oswestry. It is proposed that members of the party should lunch (3s.) at the Wynstay Arms, at 1.15 p.m., and proceed the one and a half miles to the hospital at Gobowen.

SURREY BRANCH: CROYDON DIVISION.—The next meeting of the Croydon Division will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Upper Norwood, on Thursday, November 19th, at 4 p.m. An address will be given by Dr. J. Bright Banister entitled "Some obstetric emergencies."

SURREY BRANCH: KINGSTON-ON-THAMES DIVISION.—The following are the arrangements for the season:—November 18th—Annual dinner at Nuthall's Restaurant, 7.30 p.m. December 1st—Dr. William Brown: Psychology and medicine. January 5th, 1926—Mr. J. G. Turner, F.R.C.S.: Dental sepsis. February 2nd—Dr. Robert Hutchison: Haematemesis. March 2nd—Mr. Kenneth Walker, F.R.C.S. (subject to be announced later).

SURREY BRANCH: REIGATE DIVISION.—A meeting of the Reigate Division will be held at the East Surrey Hospital, Reigate, on Tuesday, November 10th, at 8.45 p.m., when Mr. R. P. Rowlands will read a paper on the acute abdomen.

SUSSEX BRANCH: CHICHESTER AND WORTHING DIVISION.—The autumn meeting of the Chichester and Worthing Division will be held at Warne's Hotel, Worthing, on Wednesday, November 11th, at 7 p.m. On this occasion the Division will entertain guests representative of the public authorities in the area, and after the dinner a lantern lecture will be given by Dr. Habberton Lulham on human nature through a doctor's eyes. It is hoped that members will bring their wives and other guests, and members of the neighbouring Divisions (Horsham, Brighton, etc.), with their wives and other guests, are cordially invited. The price of dinner tickets is 7s., exclusive of wine.

WILTSHIRE BRANCH: TROWBRIDGE DIVISION.—The Trowbridge Division will hold a dinner at the Bear Hotel, Devizes, on Wednesday, December 2nd, at 7.15 for 7.30 p.m., after which Mr. Cecil Terry will read a paper on some minor points in surgery. The price of the dinner, exclusive of wine, is 10s. 6d., and members intending to be present are requested to notify Dr. D. Leigh Spence (The Limes, Melksham) by the first post on Saturday, November 28th. As this is the first dinner held by the Division for many years it is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend. Non-members in the Devizes area are cordially invited.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: DEWSBURY DIVISION.—A meeting of the Dewsbury Division will be held at the Man and Saddle Restaurant, Dewsbury, on Tuesday, December 1st. Dr. Burrows (Leeds) will read a paper on referred pain from a diagnostic standpoint. Supper will be provided at 8.15 p.m. Members from neighbouring Divisions will be welcomed.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: ROTHERHAM DIVISION.—The annual dinner of the profession will this year be held under the auspices of the Rotherham Division at the Crown Hotel, Rotherham, on Friday, November 20th, at 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. Price of tickets 15s., exclusive of wine. Members are requested to notify the secretary regarding tickets not later than November 13th.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: SHEFFIELD DIVISION.—A meeting of the Sheffield Division will be held in the General Lecture Room, The University, Sheffield, on Friday, December 11th, at 8.30 p.m., when a British Medical Association Lecture will be given by Dr. Cramer on the new outlook on cancer. Non-members will be welcomed.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: WAKEFIELD, PONTEFRACT, AND CASTLEFORD DIVISION.—At the meeting of the Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division to be held in the Bull Restaurant, Westgate, Wakefield, on Thursday, November 12th, at 8.30 p.m., Dr. J. S. Bolton (Wakefield Mental Hospital) will discuss the diagnosis and certification of mental diseases. Supper will be served at 7.45 p.m. (price 2s. 6d.). The meeting is open to all practitioners in the district.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: WARRINGTON DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Warrington Division was held in the Infirmary on October 30th. Dr. J. CRIGHTON BRAMWELL (Manchester) read a concise and lucid paper on the treatment of cardiac failure with congestion. At the termination of his address the lecturer was accorded a most hearty vote of thanks for the enjoyable evening given to the Division.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: CLEVELAND DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Cleveland Division, to which members of the neighbouring Divisions had been invited, was held in the Board Room of the North Ormesby Hospital, Middlesbrough, on October 22nd. A most interesting address was given by Mr. J. BASIL HALL, M.Chir., F.R.C.S., of Bradford, Past President of the Association, on his experiences and impressions of his recent tour in Canada and the United States. Mr. Hall spoke in his usual humorous vein and at the close answered a number of questions. The address was greatly enjoyed by those who had the good fortune to be present.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: SWANSEA DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Swansea Division was held on October 22nd, when the Vice-Chairman of the Division, Dr. H. R. FREDERICK, presided in an able manner. Dr. DANIEL E. EVANS delivered a lecture on the diseased heart in pregnancy, which was followed by a splendid discussion, in which the majority of those present, including Dr. PATTERSON, lady medical officer of the Public Health Department, took part.

SURREY BRANCH: CROYDON DIVISION.

A GENERAL meeting of the Croydon Division was held at the Croydon General Hospital on October 27th, when Dr. J. H. THOMPSON was in the chair. The honorary secretary was instructed to write to Dr. Walter Gripper (Wallington), a former chairman of the Division, expressing the regret of the members that he was leaving the neighbourhood, and wishing him God-speed. The Vice-Chairman, Dr. F. G. SWAYNE, invested the Chairman, Dr. J. H. Thompson, with the chairman's badge, and the Honorary Secretaries, Dr. C. G. C. Scudamore and Dr. P. W. Hamond, received the secretaries' badges from the Chairman.

Dr. H. BATTY SHAW, F.R.C.P., gave an address on the early treatment by artificial pneumothorax of pulmonary suppuration, which was listened to with very great attention, and a number of members took part in the discussion which followed. At the close Dr. Batty Shaw was heartily thanked for his address.

National Insurance.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

THE forty-third meeting of the Royal Commission on National Health Insurance was held at the Home Office, Whitehall, on October 29th, with Sir Arthur Worley, and later Lord Lawrence of Kingsgate, in the chair.

Evidence was given by Mr. A. B. Maclachlan and Mr. H. W. S. Francis, Assistant Secretaries, Ministry of Health, as to the public provision of health services outside the insurance scheme and the relations of these to the medical benefit arrangements. Thereafter further evidence on the general provisions of the insurance scheme was given by Sir Walter Kinnear, Mr. L. G. Brock, and Dr. Smith Whitaker of the Ministry of Health, and by Sir James Leishman and Mr. G. Wight of the Scottish Board of Health.

Volume III of the Minutes of Evidence (twenty-fourth to thirty-fourth days) and Part III of the Statements of Evidence (Appendices XL to LXXVI) are now on sale in final form, and may be purchased from H.M. Stationery Office, Adastral House, Kingsway, W.C.2, or through any bookseller at the following prices: Vol. III of Minutes, 10s. net, postage extra. Part III of Statements, 10s. 6d. net, postage extra.

CONFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL MEDICAL AND PANEL COMMITTEES.

IN the report of the proceedings of the Conference of Representatives of Local Medical and Panel Committees a mistake appeared on page 155 in connexion with the discussion on the provision of medical benefit for seamen. It states at the bottom of page 155 and the top of page 156 that Dr. Eldred of Essex proposed an amendment to the Insurance Acts Committee's motion, which amendment was subsequently dropped. What actually happened was that the motion proposed by Dr. Dain on behalf of the Insurance Acts Committee was carried, and that, subsequently, a separate motion was proposed by Dr. Eldred, which was also carried.

LOCAL MEDICAL AND PANEL COMMITTEES.

BERKSHIRE.

PRINTED copies of the annual report of the Berkshire Local Medical and Panel Committee for the year 1924-25 have recently been issued to the practitioners on the panel for that county. The report is signed by the chairman, Dr. P. Napier Jones of Crowthorne. It contains a series of paragraphs headed "Panel doctors and public service—an opportunity," from which we quote the following passages:

"The Panel Committee of Berkshire has been in existence for fourteen years and has reached a stage when its statutory duties have become familiar, and thanks to the standard of work done by you, take up less time than formerly. We therefore feel that we ought to turn our attention to matters outside these duties and endeavour to use our established position to enhance the reputation and standing of the panel doctor.

"The Panel Committee is the recognized channel through which the Minister of Health approaches doctors on questions affecting public health. Precisely the same avenue is open to the country urban and rural councils, boards of guardians, philanthropic bodies, and the public generally. We desire to prove that, instead of exploiting doctors as rival individuals, they are able to obtain the force of the united medical opinion and assistance through this Committee, provided their objects and methods are sound.

"There is a subject which is very much in the minds of leading social workers at the present time—namely, the care of mentally deficient and feeble-minded persons, whether certifiable under the Act or not. As our business is confined to deciding whether a particular person is certifiable and whether a particular child is able to benefit by attendance at a primary school, this subject does not affect us greatly. For that very reason it lends itself rather well as a means of showing how general practitioners can give a useful lead in social and scientific reform without any question of material gain."

The Committee has accordingly arranged a meeting for Tuesday, November 10th, at 3 p.m., at 75, London Road, Reading, when Dr. Henry Devine, O.B.E., F.R.C.P., medical superintendent of the Portsmouth Corporation Mental Hospital, will deliver an address on the care of mental defectives. All medical practitioners on the Berkshire panel are invited to attend, and invitations are being sent to influential people interested in the subject. Dr. Devine was President of the Section of Neurology and Psychiatry at the Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association held at Portsmouth in 1923.

LONDON PANEL COMMITTEE.

At the meeting of the London Panel Committee on October 20th, with Dr. H. J. Cardale in the chair, Drs. Cardale and Harry Roberts were appointed representatives of the Committee on the Medical Service Subcommittee for the ensuing year, and Drs. J. H. Traquair, A. T. Swan, and R. G. Chase were appointed deputies to serve in the absence of the representatives. At a subsequent meeting of the Local Medical Committee Dr. T. M. Ness was reappointed to represent that body on the subcommittee.

Evidence before Royal Commission.—The Committee resolved to inform the Royal Commission that the medical members of the London Insurance Committee had never at any time consented to the proposals contained in the evidence submitted to the Commission by Mr. Lesser, the vice-chairman of the Insurance Committee (see Supplement, August 29th, p. 101, and October 31st, p. 158). Mr. Lesser was reported to have informed the Royal Commission that the medical members of the Insurance Committee had agreed to the evidence which he submitted.

Transfer of Practices: Clearance of Lists.—A communication was received from the Insurance Committee stating that it was desirable that the lists of all practitioners withdrawing from the medical list should be cleared, and that their successors should be credited under Clause 1 (2) of the Distribution Scheme only in respect of those persons whose title to benefit was established. This was contrary to the view which the Panel Committee had always held that the successor to a practice should receive credits equivalent to the total number on the list of his predecessor. It was agreed to request the Ministry to receive a deputation on the question of the clearance of lists of practitioners succeeding to practices, and matters relevant thereto.

Duplicate Copies of Prescriptions.—A letter was read from the London Pharmaceutical Committee calling attention to the fact that in certain cases insured persons had obtained medicine from chemists by means of duplicate copies of prescriptions. Such copies had been given to the insured persons for the purpose of presentation at the next consultation. A resolution was proposed expressing agreement with the opinion of the London Pharmaceutical Committee that the difficulty would have been obviated had the former duplicate or triplicate prescription books been still in use. So much diversity of opinion was expressed, however, with regard to the utility of duplicate or triplicate prescriptions that the whole matter was referred back to a subcommittee for further consideration.

Ethical Questions.—Four cases were reported in which the recently appointed Ethical Subcommittee had been of service in warning practitioners with regard to relatively minor irregularities, and approval was given to the action by the subcommittee in each instance.

Distribution Scheme and Emergency Treatment.—The Committee resolved to ask the Ministry of Health to receive a deputation to discuss the subject of granting discretionary powers to the Committee in considering claims for payment for emergency treatment submitted by practitioners after the period allowed under the provisions of the Distribution Scheme. This period, which was until recently forty-eight hours, has been extended to seven days, but on again approaching the Insurance Committee for discretionary powers the Panel Committee was told that in cases of doubt where a practitioner had applied to the Insurance Committee for advice before sending in a claim, and such claim was not submitted within seven days, the application to the Committee might be regarded as the date of the receipt of claim. The Panel Committee was not able to accept this interpretation of the Distribution Scheme.

"*Onychogryphosis.*"—Among the claims for payment for the services of a second practitioner in administering an anaesthetic considered by the Committee was one in which the nature of the case was given as "onychogryphosis." In reply to a member, the Secretary said that he understood this to be a case of ingrowing toe-nail.

Correspondence.

The Cheshire Motion at the Panel Conference.

Sir,—May I correct two small but important errors in the report of my speech (Supplement, October 31st, p. 152)?

I did not contend that it was inconceivable that Parliament contemplated the assumption by *any men* of the extraordinary powers assigned to the Commissioners, but the assumption of such powers by *any single man.*

Again, I did not claim that "It was inconceivable that anybody would argue before Parliament," etc., but that, had there been no additional Exchequer grant, "it was inconceivable that anybody *then would have argued,*" etc. In fact, no power to fine was granted by the Act itself, and all possible excuse for the survival of the present iniquity has been long removed. The arbitration award of 1920 and departmental inquiry of 1921 fixed the salaries of doctors and society officers respectively, after adequate experience of their work, and with no reference whatever to the Exchequer grant, which has, in fact, ceased to exist. As a matter of the most elementary justice the two parties should now be treated alike, and I do not foresee the societies submitting to the penalizing of their officers without right of appeal on the merits of the case, as well as on the amount of the penalty.—I am, etc.,

Chichester, Oct. 31st. G. C. Garratt.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Surgeon Commander C. R. Rickard is placed on the retired list with the rank of Surgeon Captain.

Surgeon Commanders J. P. Shorten, D.S.C., to the *Princess Margaret*; H. R. B. Hull and A. I. Sheldon to the *President*, additional for three months' post-graduate course.

Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders W. F. Beattie to the *Dragon*; C. E. Greeson to the *Excellent*; M. S. Moore to the *Egmont* for R.N. Hospital, Malta, on relief.

Surgeon Lieutenants R. W. Mussen to the *Dido*; T. G. B. Crawford to the *Daffodil* on commissioning.

Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Probationary Surgeon Sublieutenant E. I. Puddy to be Surgeon Sublieutenant, with seniority of September 17th, 1924.

Messrs. P. B. H. Wyatt and R. Erskine-Gray have entered as probationary Surgeon Lieutenants and attached to the London Division.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captain J. G. Gill, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., relinquishes the temporary rank of Major on ceasing to be employed as Deputy Assistant Director of Hygiene and Pathology, Northern Ireland District.

A. K. J. Finch to be temporary Lieutenant.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE.

Flying Officer L. C. Palmer-Jones to No. 24 Squadron, Kenley.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

Lieut.-Colonel W. W. Jeudwine, C.M.G., Civil Surgeon, Simla West, granted leave for eight months, from September 1st, 1925.

Lieut.-Colonel H. Hallilay appointed temporarily to officiate as Civil Surgeon, Simla West, up to December 31st, 1925.

Lieut.-Colonel Corrie Hudson, C.I.E., D.S.O., to be Colonel, vice Colonel Frederic Linton Blenkinsop.

The services of Captain P. Verdon and Major F. J. Anderson, M.C., are placed permanently at the disposal of the Government of Madras. The services of Captain A. M. Ghosh are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Government of Bihar and Orissa.

The following officers have retired: Lieut.-Colonels L. Hirsch, C.I.E. (on account of ill health), J. C. G. Kunhardt, H. A. F. Knapton.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Supplementary Reserve of Officers: Royal Army Medical Corps.

Captain A. R. Balmain, late R.A.M.C. Special Reserve, to be Lieutenant.

Captain R. J. S. McDowall, late R.A.M.C., T.A., to be Captain.

VACANCIES.

Bath: Royal Mineral Water Hospital.—Resident Medical Officer (unmarried). Salary at the rate of £130 per annum.

Birmingham Corporation.—Senior Assistant Medical Officer for service in the Birmingham City Hospitals for Infectious Diseases. Salary £400 per annum, rising to £500.

Birmingham General Hospital.—Assistant Physician.

Birmingham Maternity Charity.—House-Surgeon for district. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

Birmingham and Midland Ear and Throat Hospital.—Junior House-Surgeon (non-resident). Salary at the rate of £200 per annum.

Birmingham and Midland Hospital for Women.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £75 per annum.

Brighton: Royal Alexandra Hospital for Sick Children.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

Cape Town: Somerset Hospital.—Resident Medical Superintendent. Salary £800 per annum.

Cheltenham General and Eye Hospitals.—House-Physician (male, unmarried) at the General Hospital. Salary £200 per annum.

Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Royal Hospital.—(1) Resident Surgical Officer. (2) Fifth House-Surgeon. Salary £300 and £100 per annum respectively.

City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Lungs, Victoria Park, E.2.—House-Physician (male). Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

East Ham Education Committee.—Aural Surgeon. Remuneration £3 3s. per session.

Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, Euston Road, N.W.—(1) House-Physician. (2) Obstetric Assistant. (3) Two House-Surgeons. (4) Clinical Assistants in the Out-patient Department. Salary for (1), (2), and (3) at the rate of £50 per annum.

Kensington, Fulham, and Chelsea General Hospital, S.W.5.—Resident Medical Officer (male). Salary £75 per annum.

Lancaster Borough.—Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Assistant School Medical Officer. Salary £500 per annum, rising to £600.

Leyton Urban District Council.—Deputy Medical Officer of Health and Deputy School Medical Officer. Salary £600 to £700 per annum, increasing by annual increments of £25.

London Hospital, E.1.—(1) Assistant Physician to the Skin Department. (2) Honorary Dental Surgeon.

London Jewish Hospital, Stepney Green, E.1.—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

Manchester Royal Infirmary.—Resident Medical Officer at the Barnes Convalescent Hospital, Cheadle. Remuneration at the rate of £250 per annum.

Middlesbrough: North Ormesby Hospital.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary £125 per annum.

Norwich City Council.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary £1,100 per annum.

Oxford: Radcliffe Infirmary and County Hospital.—(1) House-Physician. (2) House-Surgeon. (3) Casualty House-Surgeon. (4) Obstetric House-Physician. Males. Salary at the rate of £120 per annum each.

Preston County Borough.—Assistant Medical Officer (woman) for Maternity and Child Welfare. Salary £600 per annum.

Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.15.—Honorary Anaesthetist. Honorarium £20 per annum.

Rhondda Urban District Council.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary £600 per annum.

Royal College of Physicians of London.—Milroy Lecturer for 1927.

Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.1.—(1) Obstetric House-Surgeon. (2) Gynaecological House-Surgeon.

Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway, N.—(1) House-Surgeon. (2) Two Casualty Officers. Salary for (1) £70 per annum, and for (2) £90 per annum.

ST. HELENS COUNTY BOROUGH.—Assistant Medical Officer of Health (male). Salary £600 per annum.

SALFORD EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Assistant School Medical Officer. Salary £600.

SOUTHWARK UNION.—District Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £250 per annum.

STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY, Stafford.—House-Physician (male). Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

SUDAN GOVERNMENT MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.—Three Medical Officers (unmarried). Salary £E.720 a year, rising to £E.1,200.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—Associate Examiners for M.B., B.S. Examination in Medicine, Obstetric Medicine, Pathology, Surgery.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEON.—The appointment of Certifying Factory Surgeon for Renfrew (co. Renfrew) is vacant. Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, S.W.1.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning.

APPOINTMENTS.

BYRNE, Austin W., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H. (Captain R.A.M.C.(ret.)), Expert Adviser in Public Health and Tropical Medicine to the Government of Egypt at Cairo (corrected notice).

COBB, J. H., M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., Surgeon to the Children's Hospital, Sheffield.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—R. McCoull, L.R.C.P. and S. Edin., L.R.F.P.S.Glas., for the Wylam District, co. Northumberland; A. D. Symons, M.D., D.P.H., for the Shrewsbury District, co. Salop.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.

War Section: Mon., 5 p.m., Wing-Commander E. C. Clements, R.A.F.: Visual Problems and their Relation to Flying and Industrial Fatigue from the Service Standpoint.

Section of Therapeutics and Pharmacology: Tues., 5 p.m., Discussion: The Influence of the Ovary on Parturition; Mr. F. M. A. Marshall, Dr. Langdon Brown, and Mr. Wilfred Shaw. Members of the Section of Obstetrics and Gynaecology are particularly invited to attend.

Section of Psychiatry: Tues., 8.30 p.m., Presidential Address by Dr. R. H. Cole: The Progress of Psychiatry.

Section of Surgery—Subsection of Proctology: Wed., 5.30 p.m., Presidential Address by Mr. G. Grey Turner: The Relationship of Proctology to Greater Medicine. A discussion will follow. There will be a Demonstration of Pathological Specimens.

Section of Tropical Diseases and Parasitology: Thurs., 5.30 p.m., Presidential Address by Sir W. T. Prout: Medical Conditions in Tropical Countries. Dr. A. Castellani: Typhoid and Paratyphoid-like Fevers caused by Organisms which differ from *B. typhosus* and *B. paratyphosus* A, B, and C. Specimens. Members of the Section of Medicine are invited to attend.

Section of Neurology: Thurs., 8.30 p.m., Dr. Wilfred Harris and Dr. W. D. Newcomb: On a Case of Glioma of the Pons, with Special Reference to its Bearings on the Physiology of the Fifth Cranial Nerve.

Clinical Section: Fri., 5 p.m., Cases and Specimens.

Sections of Ophthalmology and Surgery: Fri., 8 p.m., Cases. 8.30 p.m., Joint Discussion: Plastic Operations on the Face in the Region of the Eye. The following will take part: Messrs. H. S. Souttar, G. H. Pooley, Kilner, Percival Cole, Ormond, Shaw, Edmunds, and M. W. B. Oliver.

BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY, King's College, W.C.2.—Mon., 5 p.m., Communications:—J. A. Hewitt and H. G. Reeves: Tautomerism and Constitution of Glyceric Aldehyde. C. Lovatt Evans: Lactic Acid Formation in Plain Muscle. Elizabeth S. Semmens: Hydrolysis of Starch in the Guard Cells of the Stomata of a Monocotyledon. J. Gordon, J. W. McLeod, and B. Wheatley: Importance of Differentiating between the Amino-acids which Favour and those which Inhibit Bacterial Growth. J. R. Marrack and G. D. Thacker: Influence of Ionic Strength on the Equilibrium of Calcium Ion in Bicarbonate Solutions.

HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON, Paddington Town Hall, Paddington Green, W.2.—Thurs., 8.30 p.m., Dr. J. D. Rolleston: The Differential Diagnosis of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria, and the Modern Methods of Treatment and Prophylaxis; to be followed by a discussion.

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY, Cutlers' Hall, Warwick Lane, E.C.—Mon., 8.45 p.m., Discussion: The Relation of Spiritual Healing to Modern Medicine.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, W.1.—Mon., 8.30 p.m., Discussion: Obscure Pyrexia in Childhood; to be introduced by Dr. Robert Hutchison, followed by Dr. Wilfred Pearson, Professor F. S. Langmead, and others.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W.1.—Tues. and Thurs., 5 p.m., FitzPatrick Lectures by Dr. Arthur Shadwell: Medicine in Ancient Egypt, Assyria, and Palestine.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.—Wed., 5 p.m., Bradshaw Lecture by Mr. James Sherren: Gastro-jejunostomy.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, University College Hospital Medical School.—Thurs., 4.15 p.m., Dr. Charles Singer: The History of Influenza.

WEST KENT MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, Miller Hospital, Greenwich Road, S.E.10.—Fri., 8.45 p.m., Address by Dr. W. Gilliatt: Eclampsia.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE AND POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.—Fellowship of Medicine Lecture, Medical Society, 11, Chandos Street, W.—Mon., 5.30 p.m., Some Points in the Diagnosis of Tuberculosis in the Child. *Bethlem Royal Hospital*, Lambeth, S.E.: Tues., 11 a.m., The Diagnosis and Symptomatology of Mental Diseases. Sat., 11 a.m., Psycho-neuroses. *Chelsea Hospital for Women*, Arthur Street, S.W.: Post-Graduate Course in Gynaecology, Lectures and Demonstrations daily. Pathology and Operations. *London Lock Hospital*, Dean Street: Comprehensive Course. Instruction in Out-patient Department and Lectures. *City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Lungs*, Victoria Park, E.: Post-Graduate Course in Diseases of the Heart and Lungs. Lectures, Clinical and Laboratory Demonstrations. *St. John's Hospital*, Leicester Square, W.C.: Daily Demonstrations in the Out-patient Department. Bi-weekly Lectures. Tues., 5 p.m., Diseases due to Animal Parasites. Thurs., 5 p.m., Urticaria.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.1. Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri., 2 p.m., Out-patient Clinics. Tues. and Fri., 10 a.m., Methods of Examination of the Nervous System. Mon., 12 noon, Reflex Action as a Whole; 3.30 p.m., Tremor and Incoordination. Tues., 3.30 p.m., Peripheral Neuritis. Thurs., 12 noon, Subacute Inflammation; 3.30 p.m., Hemiplegia. Fri., 3.30 p.m., Electrotherapy in Lesions of Peripheral Nerves. Operations: Tues. and Fri., 9 a.m.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.15.—Thurs., 3 p.m., Demonstration: Blood Pressure Investigations; 4.30 p.m., Lecture: A Plea for Less Mutilating Operations in Carcinoma. Daily: In-patient and Out-patient Clinics in General and Special Departments, Operations, etc.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S MATERNITY HOSPITAL, Marylebone Road, N.W.1.—Thurs., 5 p.m., Meddlesome Midwifery.

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, 37, Russell Square, W.C.1.—Wed., 4 p.m., Prevention of Cancer and Allied Neoplasias.

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Diary of the Association.

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6 Fri. London: Dominions Executive Subcommittee, 2.30 p.m.
Dundee Branch: University College, Dundee, 8.30 p.m.
Exeter Division: Annual Meeting, Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital. Dr. F. A. Roper on the Modern Treatment of Diabetes, 4.30 p.m.
Stockton Division: Stockton and Thornaby Hospital. Dr. W. E. Hume on Some Observations on Bright's Disease, 8.30 p.m.

8 Sun. South Staffordshire Division: Shropshire Orthopaedic Hospital, Gobowen, 2.30 p.m.

10 Tues. London: Special Committee on Puerperal Morbidity and Mortality, 2.30 p.m.
Reigate Division: East Surrey Hospital. Address by Mr. R. P. Rowlands on the Acute Abdomen, 8.45 p.m.
St. Pancras Division: British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1. Dr. R. A. Young on the Early Recognition of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, 9 p.m.

11 Wed. Chichester and Worthing Division: Worthing. Dr. H. Lulham on Human Nature through a Doctor's Eyes, 7 p.m.
Portsmouth and Isle of Wight Divisions: Southsea. Deputy Medical Secretary on the British Medical Association's Hospital Policy, 3 p.m.
Rochdale Division: Champness Hall, Drake Street. Dr. Langley on Recent Advances in Cardiology, 8.30 p.m.

12 Thurs. London: Medical Students and Newly Qualified Subcommittee, 2 p.m.
London: Rural Practitioners Subcommittee, 2 p.m.
London: Regulations and Standing Orders Subcommittee, 3 p.m.
London: Ophthalmic Committee, 5 p.m.
Gloucestershire Branch: Royal Infirmary, Gloucester, 6.15 p.m.
Lancashire and Cheshire Branch: Scientific Meeting, Bolton Infirmary, Bolton, 3.30 p.m.
Mid-Cheshire Division: Altrincham General Hospital. B.M.A. Lecture by Professor E. Mellanby on Diet and Disease, 8.30 p.m.
Sunderland Division: Annual Address by Dr. H. Crichton Miller. Annual Dinner, Palatine Hotel, Sunderland, 7.30 p.m.
Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division: Bull Restaurant, Westgate, Wakefield. Lecture by Dr. J. S. Bolton on Diagnosis and Certification of Mental Diseases. Supper, 7.45; Lecture, 8.30 p.m.

13 Fri. London: Science Committee, 2.30 p.m.
City Division: Clinical Meeting, Metropolitan Hospital, 4.15 p.m.
Chesterfield Division: Chesterfield. Discussion on Small-pox; to be opened by Dr. Garrow, 8.15 p.m.
Hyde Division: Supper Dance, Hyde Town Hall, 8.30 p.m.

15 Sun. Willesden Division: Annual Dinner, Criterion Restaurant, 7 p.m.

GLASGOW POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—At Royal Hospital for Sick Children: Wed., 4.15 p.m., Surgical Cases. At Glasgow Eye Infirmary: Tues. and Fri., 2 p.m., External Diseases of the Eye.

JAMES MACKENZIE INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH, St. Andrews.—Tues., 4 p.m., The Estimation of Blood Sugar.

MANCHESTER: ANCOATS HOSPITAL.—Thurs., 4.15 p.m., Treatment of Common Fractures, with Practical Demonstrations.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Tues., 4.15 p.m., Shoulder-tip Pain. Fri., 4.15 p.m., The Sympathetic Nervous System.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcement of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 9s., which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Tuesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTH.

PARKINSON.—On October 30th, at 1, Devonshire Place, W.1, the wife of John Parkinson, M.D., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

BROWNE—EDWARDS.—On September 2nd, at Edgbaston Parish Church, by the Rev. Canon Stuart Blofeld, Samuel Noel Browne, *M.C.*, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., younger son of the late Thomas Browne and Mrs. Browne of Albrighton, Salop, to Barbara Joan Edwards, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Edwards of Yateley Road, Edgbaston.

DEATHS.

MAUDE.—On October 27th, after a motor accident, Alexander Maude, aged 27 years, Lythe House, Winsford, Cheshire.

STUCK.—On October 31st, Sidney Joseph Stuck, M.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A., of Fairlop Mount, 113, Fairlop Road, Leytonstone, aged 56 years.